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SUBJECT: CARE/SL RURAL PENETRATION ROADS

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1. EMBASSY RELIEVED TO BE ABLE CONCLUDE FROM REF A THAT IDEA OF 80 PERCENT WITH NORTHERN AND EASTERN IDA/IBRD PROJECT AREAS IS NOT HARD AND FAST LIMITATION OR CONDITION OF GRANT TO CARE.

2. AS MATTER OF GENERAL INFORMATION, EMBASSY ESTIMATES THAT PERCENTAGE OF DEVELOPABLE SWAMPS WITHIN SIERRA LEONE (OR EVEN SWAMP AREA CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED) WHICH LIES WITHIN EASTERN AND NORTHERN IDA/IBRD PROJECT AREAS IS NOWHERE NEAR 80 PERCENT. EMBASSY WOULD BE SURPRISED IF IN FACT THEY CONSTITUTED AS MUCH AS 20 PERCENT OF SWAMP AREA EITHER DEVELOPABLE OR CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED. PC/SL DEVOTING MUCH OF ITS IMPRESSIVE SWAMP DEVELOPMENT EFFORT TO CONSIDERABLE EXPANSES INALDN SWAMPS IN OTHER AREA, NOTABLY KAMBIA, PORT LOKO AND KOINADUGU DISTRICTS OF NORTHERN PROVINCE, NONE OF WHICH WILL BE COVERED BY IDA NORTH AREA CENTERED ON MAKENI. WORLD FOOD PROGRAM PROJECT ALSO COVERS EXTENSIVE AREAS OUTSIDE IDA PROJECT AREAS. UNABLE UNDERSTAND, THEREFORE, REF A CONCLUSION THAT BY DEFINITION GREATEST PROPORTION OF ROADS WOULD FALL IN IDA PROJECT AREAS. WE HOPE MUCH WILL, PARTICULARLY IN FIRST YEAR OF CARE PROJECT, BUT WOULD NOT HAVE WANTED CARE PROJECT SO RESTRICTED.
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